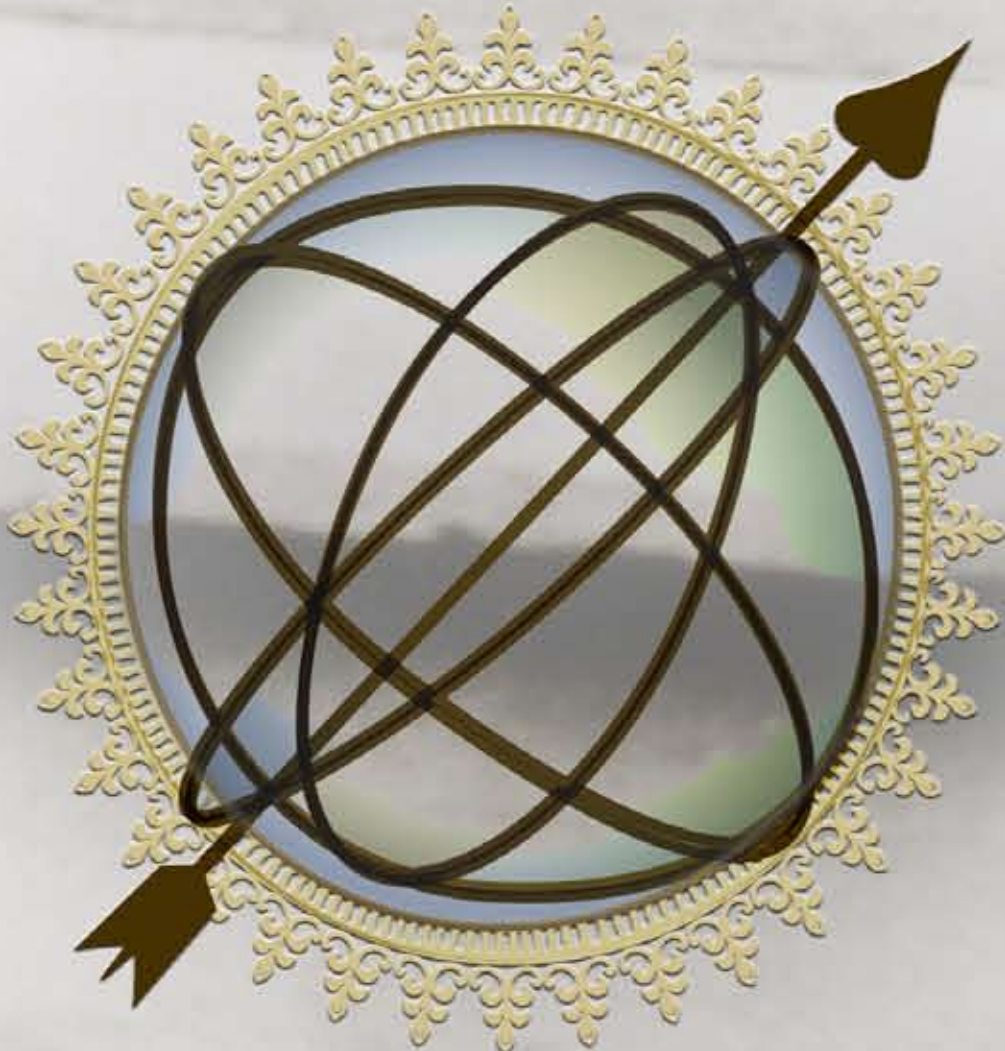


# MY NORTHEAST: A SNAPSHOT OF KANSAS CITY'S HISTORIC NORTHEAST COMMUNITY



"Growing up in Kansas City's  
Northeast neighborhood in the  
mid-1930s and 40s was, by all  
accounts, a magical time."

—JOHN HERBST

Photo: John Herbst in 1931, age 3, at his Northeast home.



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*The Northeast was Kansas City's first suburb where  
the city's working class and power elite lived together along  
the beautiful tree-lined boulevards and avenues.*

During its formative years in the 1880s, the Northeast was bounded by industry along its northern and eastern borders. Those born and raised there fondly remember a simpler time—a place where doors were rarely locked, neighbors looked out for neighbors, and a strong sense of family and community held it all together.

Prior to I-35 bisecting the community, the Northeast melded seamlessly with what we now call Columbus Park, or as the old timers say, "The North End." Today, the "Historic Northeast" is one of the most ethnically and culturally diverse communities in Kansas City, and its vibrant revitalization and redevelopment are a beacon for its future. The Historic Northeast is comprised of six neighborhoods (Independence Plaza, Indian Mound, Lykins, Pendleton Heights, Scarritt Renaissance, and Sheffield) and is considered anywhere between Truman Road and Cliff Drive, bounded by the Blue River to the east and The Paseo or Brooklyn Avenue to the west.

For Kansas Citian John Herbst, the Northeast was bounded by Chestnut Trafficway to the west, Independence Avenue to the south, and Belmont Boulevard to the east. John was born in the Northeast and lived there until the early 1940s when his family moved to Atchison, Kansas, where his father worked on the railroad. His early memories of *school, church, work, and recreation* are woven together by the common thread of family and community. A retired librarian, John conceived of and inspired this exhibit out of his deep passion and pride for the Northeast and the Kansas City Museum. John has shared his memories and experiences of the Northeast to ensure that its rich and "magical" history will be preserved for generations to come.

